

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 12, 2004, has been received and carefully noted. The amendments made herein and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

By this Amendment, claims 16-19 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, allowed claims 1-15 are pending in the present application and are requested to be passed to issuance.

Allowed Claims 1-15

As a preliminary matter, Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 1-15 of the present application.

Rejection of Claims 16-19 Rendered Moot

Claims 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by the instant application's disclosed prior art. Claims 16-19 have been cancelled, and therefore the rejection is now moot.

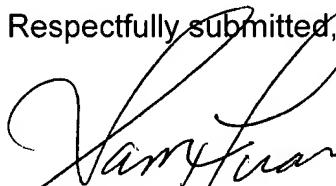
Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that each of claims 1-15 is in condition for allowance, and therefore, respectfully requests that this application be passed to issue.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 108075-09006.**

Respectfully submitted,



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